

10. TALIPES (H)

There is little to be said on the data on talipes (Table 10.1). The main contribution to variation in frequencies in the different centres was undoubtedly the custom in different hospitals as to what was called "talipes". In some, any malposition of feet, however slight, was recorded as talipes. In many of these cases there are no structural changes and the feet rapidly assume a normal position in a few days. The reason for recording is that it is by no means

always possible to predict in which children this restitution occurs so that it is advisable to follow up all such babies.

If any reader should wish to examine the data further and study, for example, laterality and type of talipes, he can consult the lists for each country in the Basic Tabulations by Centres booklet, where will be found all the information available to the authors.

TABLE 10.1. TALIPES (H) OF ALL TYPES IN SINGLE BIRTHS

CENTRE		Number of cases			Per 1000 total births	Mortality	
		M	F	T		Number of LBD + SB	Per 1000 cases
I 1	MELBOURNE	13	13	26	3.31	1	38.5
I 2	MELBOURNE	3	7	10	2.55	2	200.0
II	SAO PAULO	24	19	43	2.98	2	46.5
III	SANTIAGO	35	13	48	2.02	3	62.5
IV 1	BOGOTA	57	42	99	5.26	4	40.4
IV 2	MEDELLIN	32	19	51	2.49	4	78.4
V	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	44	25	69	3.44	1	14.5
VI	ALEXANDRIA	3	2	5	0.52	1	200.0
VII	HONG KONG	5	11	16	1.62	0	0/16
VIII 1	BOMBAY	24	14	38	0.96	5	131.6
VIII 2	CALCUTTA	3	5	8	0.42	0	0/8
IX 1	KUALA LUMPUR	14	12	26	1.63	1	38.5
IX 2	SINGAPORE	55	61	116	2.92	3	25.8
X 1	MEXICO CITY	47	23	70	2.83	0	0/70
X 2	MEXICO CITY	28	24	52	3.69	0	0/52
XI	BELFAST	22	29	51	1.82	0	0/51
XII	PANAMA CITY	87	85	172	10.85	2	11.63
XIII	MANILA	20	7	27	0.91	0	0/27
XIV 1	CAPE TOWN	2	0	2	0.66	0	0/2
XIV 2	JOHANNESBURG	42	35	77	6.89	1	37.0
XIV 3	PRETORIA	7	5	12	1.20	1	83.3
XV	MADRID	19	18	37	1.88	0	0/37
XVI 1	LJUBLJANA	23	19	42	4.73	0	0/42
XVI 2	ZAGREB	17	18	35	4.16	0	0/35
TOTAL		626	506	1132	2.72	31	27.4